



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Division of Enforcement
Bureau of Consumer Protection

June 2, 2000

Mr. Nelson E. Genshaft
Wolman, Genshaft & Gellman
341 South Third Street, Suite 301
Columbus, Ohio 43215-5463

Re: Filene's Basement

Dear Mr. Genshaft:

The Division of Enforcement staff has conducted an investigation of Filene's Basement with respect to the fiber content labels of certain wool and cashmere products sold by Filene's Basement stores. We have now closed that investigation. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

Please be advised that I will be sending to your client Value City, which has acquired the assets of Filene's Basement stores, a Synopsis of Federal Trade Commission Decisions Concerning Textile Fiber Products and a Synopsis of Federal Trade Commission Decisions Concerning Wool Products. Copies of these documents also will be sent to you. Pursuant to Section 5(m)(1)(B) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 45(m)(1)(B), civil penalties may be imposed upon a business that engages in practices found to be unfair or deceptive in a prior litigated decision, when such business has received notice of the prior determination.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elaine D. Kolish".

Elaine D. Kolish
Associate Director
Division of Enforcement